

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

We claim:

1. (Previously presented) An apparatus for receiving and securing an item, comprising:
 - a slide card comprising an engaging element and at least one tray receiving area;
 - at least one pre-formed tray, attached to said tray receiving area, configured to receive and hold at least one portable item;
 - an outer sleeve configured to receive said card and attached tray, comprising a locking element configured to connect with said engaging element at a locking position;
 - and,
 - a release element integral to said outer sleeve, configured to disconnect said engaging element from said locking element.
2. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said card is constructed of a first material and said tray is constructed of a second material.
3. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein said second material is plastic.
4. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said engaging element is positioned on said tray.
5. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said tray comprises at least one receiving recess configured to receive and secure ~~hold~~ said portable item.
6. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said outer sleeve

further comprises an interior aperture configured to connect said engaging element at a stopping position.

7. (Currently amended) An apparatus for receiving and holding an item, comprising:

a slide card constructed of a first material, comprising at least a first panel and at least one tray receiving area located on said first panel;

at least one pre-formed tray constructed of a second material and comprising at least one receiving recess, a given said tray being attached to said card at said tray receiving area; and,

an outer sleeve defining a void, comprising an open end configured to permit said card and attached tray to translate in and out of said void.

8. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said slide card further comprises an engaging element connected to at least one of said first panel and said tray.

9. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein said outer sleeve further comprises a locking element configured to releasably connect to said engaging element at a locking position.

10. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said outer sleeve further comprises a release configured to disconnect said engaging element from said locking element.

11. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said outer sleeve further comprises a stopping element configured to connect to said engaging element at a stopping position.

12-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently amended) A foldable tray card formed of contiguous panels, comprising:
- an engaging panel defined by a first edge and spaced apart hinge;
 - a second panel defined by said hinge and a spaced apart second edge;
 - a tray integral to said second panel;
 - at least one receiving recess located within said tray, configured to receive and hold an item; and,
 - a third panel hingedly attached to at least one of said second edge and said ~~tray~~; tray, said third panel being configured to fold over and cover said item.
18. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said panels and said tray are constructed using a thermo-forming process.
19. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said panels and said tray are constructed using an injection molding process.
20. (Currently amended) A method of resisting access to an item, comprising the steps of:
- providing a slide card comprising a base panel;
 - attaching a pre-formed tray comprising at least one receiving recess to said base panel;
 - providing ~~a means for~~ an engaging element associated with at least one of said card and said tray;
 - placing an item in said receiving recess;
 - providing an outer sleeve with an open end and adjacent void, said sleeve further comprising ~~a means for locking element~~;
 - aligning said card with said open end;
 - orienting said ~~means for engagement~~ engaging element with said ~~means for~~ locking element; and
 - inserting said card and tray fully into said void;
 - causing said ~~means for engaging element~~ and said ~~means for locking element~~ to

releasably connect.

21. (Currently amended) The method of claim 20, wherein said step of providing an outer sleeve further comprises providing an outer sleeve having a ~~means for releasing release element~~, said ~~release element being means for releasing~~ configured to disconnect said ~~means for engaging element~~ and said ~~means for locking element~~.

22. (Currently amended) The method of claim 21, further comprising the step of manipulating said ~~release element being means for releasing~~ to withdraw said tray at least partially from said void.

23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, further comprising the step of withdrawing said item from said recess.

24. (New) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the given said recess includes a resistance element configured to resist removal of an item therefrom.

25. (New) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the resistance element is one of a locking flap, an indentation, a strap, and an insert.

26. (New) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein a given said receiving recess is configured to receive and secure at least one portable item therein.

27. (New) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein a given said receiving recess is configured to receive and secure at least one portable item therein.

28. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein a given said receiving recess is configured to receive and secure an item.